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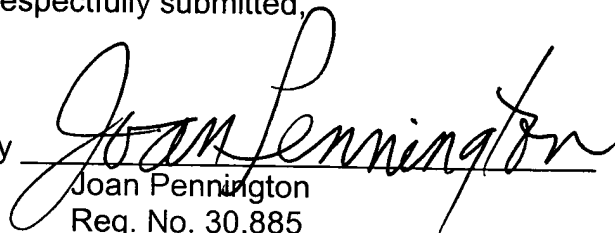
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Applicants attorney has reviewed the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and respectfully submits that each of the claims of the subject application is patentable over all the documents listed.

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